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**DATE:** November 2, 2006  
**TO:** Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)  
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**SUBJECT:** Update on 2004 RTP Gap Analysis

## SUMMARY:

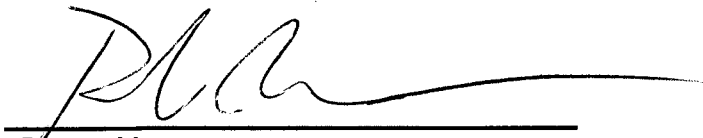
SCAG is continuing to move forward with the two-pronged approach you approved in June to update the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). First, SCAG is committed to preparing a Gap Analysis that would address the SAFETEA-LU deficiencies in the current 2004 RTP in order to ensure SAFETEA-LU compliance by the July 1, 2007 so that our planning processes can continue beyond that statutory deadline until the next fully updated RTP is in place.

## BACKGROUND:


In June of this year you approved an approach to updating the next RTP that calls for preparing a 'Gap Analysis' that would address the SAFETEA-LU deficiencies in the current RTP. In addition, you also approved moving forward concurrently with the full update of the RTP pursuant to the requirements of SAFETEA-LU. As you may recall, the Gap Analysis is necessary to ensure compliance with the SAFETEA-LU requirements by the statutory deadline of July 1, 2007 so that our planning processes can continue uninterrupted beyond that deadline until the next fully updated RTP is in place.

Gap Analysis work is not expected to impact the capital projects or the project list. Staff views this exercise more as a qualitative update of the policy framework of the current RTP. As such, staff anticipates re-affirming the transportation conformity, the fiscal constraint and the environmental impact associated with the 2004 RTP as amended subsequently. SCAG is on schedule to present a Draft of the proposed Gap Analysis to you in December in order to release it for public review and comments. Final adoption of the Gap Analysis by the regional council is expected by April of 2007.

Reviewed  
by:

  
Division Manager

Affirmed  
by:

  
Department Director